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**USTR ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF THE 200,000 METRIC TON
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE UNDER
THE RAW CANE SUGAR TARIFF-RATE QUOTA**

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky today announced the country-by-country allocations for the 200,000 metric ton (220,462 short ton) increase in the amount available under the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota for Fiscal Year 1997. This allocation is based on the countries' historical trade to the United States.

The 200,000 metric ton increase in the amount available for the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota is being allocated to the following countries in metric tons, raw value:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Current FY 1997 Allocation</u>	<u>Additional Allocation</u>	<u>New FY 1997 Allocation</u>
Argentina	78,505	8,731	87,236
Australia	151,533	16,853	168,386
Barbados	11,359	0	11,359
Belize	20,083	2,234	22,316
Bolivia	14,606	1,624	16,230
Brazil	264,727	29,442	294,169
Colombia	43,817	4,873	48,690
Congo	7,258	0	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258	0	7,258
Costa Rica	27,386	3,046	30,431
Dominican Republic	321,324	35,736	357,060
Ecuador	20,083	2,234	22,316
El Salvador	47,468	5,279	52,748

Fiji	16,431	1,827	18,259	
Gabon	7,258	0		7,258
Guatemala	87,634	9,746	97,380	
Guyana	21,908	2,437	24,345	
Haiti	7,258	0		7,258
Honduras	18,257	2,030	20,288	
India	14,606	1,624	16,230	
Jamaica	20,083	2,234	22,316	
Madagascar	7,258	0		7,258
Malawi	18,257	2,030	20,288	
Mauritius	21,908	2,437	24,345	
Mexico	25,000	0		25,000
Mozambique	23,734	2,640	26,374	
Nicaragua	38,340	4,264	42,604	
Panama	52,945	5,888	58,834	
Papua New Guinea	7,258	0		7,258
Paraguay	7,258	0		7,258
Peru	74,854	8,325	83,179	
Philippines	246,470	27,411	273,881	
South Africa	41,991	4,670	46,661	
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258	0		7,258
Swaziland	29,211	3,249	32,460	
Taiwan	21,908	2,437	24,345	
Thailand	25,560	2,843	28,403	
Trinidad-Tobago	12,780	1,421	14,201	
Uruguay	7,258	0		7,258
Zimbabwe	<u>21,908</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>24,345</u>	
Total	1,900,000	200,000	2,100,000	

Allocations to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications.

Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons